

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing discussion presented herein.

Non-Compliant Listing of Claims

Applicants provide a replacement Listing of Claims to include the text of the claims that are withdrawn. Applicants request that the Examiner accept the Listing of Claims as a replacement of all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Amendments Made Without Prejudice or Estoppel.

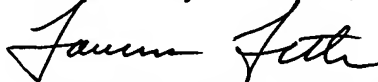
Notwithstanding the amendments made and the accompanying traversing remarks provided above, these amendments have been made without any prejudice, waiver, or estoppel, and without forfeiture or dedication to the public, with respect to the original subject matter of the claims as originally filed or in their form immediately preceding these amendments.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are allowable over the prior art of record. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims is earnestly requested. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the above in greater detail or deem that amendments should be made to improve the form of the claims, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

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